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REF: 19-HQ-F-00630

Dear Mr. Amarel,

We are in receipt of your FOIA request correspondence dated June 6, 2019, and received at the NASA Headquarters FOIA Office on June 14, 2019. Your request was assigned FOIA Case Number 19-HQ-F-00630 and seeks:

All emails sent to, from, or copied to James Frederick Bridenstine from January 1, 2019 to present day, containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-string: "Whistleblower".

Please be advised that NASA processes all FOIA requests in a multi-track processing system, based upon the date of receipt and the amount of work and time involved in processing the request. In accordance with 14 CFR § 1206.400(b), the Agency determines whether the request is simple or complex. Based on the documents you have requested, we are placing your request in the 'complex' processing queue and expect to process your request in **20 working days or more**. The 20-day suspense date for your request is **July 15, 2019**. If we are unable to meet this suspense, we will notify you. Alternatively, you may wish to limit the scope of your request to allow us to place your request in the 'simple' processing queue.

You have requested to be categorized as a representative of the news media. Per 14 CFR § 1206.507(c)(3)(ii), "A representative of the news media is any person or entity organized and operated to publish or broadcast news to the public that actively gathers information of potential interest to a segment of the public, *uses its editorial skills to turn the raw materials into a distinct work*, and distributes that work to an audience." Based on this information and the information you have provided, we have categorized your request as "all other." As an "all other" requester, you are entitled to up to two hours of search time and the duplication of up to 100 pages of documents without charge, *See* 14 CFR § 1206.507. Please notify us in writing if you find this request category to be in error.

In addition, please be advised that since we must coordinate and/or consult with another NASA office or agency having a substantial subject-matter interest in the determination of the request, we are availing ourselves to the **10 working day extension** in accordance with the NASA FOIA regulations (14 CFR § 1206.403). We will send a final reply to you on or before **July 29, 2019**.

If applicable, further issues concerning processing of your request will be addressed in a separate letter. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at 202-358-0680 or [Mireya.P.Nyirenda@nasa.gov](mailto:Mireya.P.Nyirenda@nasa.gov).

Sincerely,



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